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Remarks

Claims 4-17 are pending herein. By this Amendment, claim 2 has been canceled, and claims 4, 6, 8 and 17 have been amended.

Claims 4, 6, 8 and 17 have been amended to depend upon claim 5, which has been allowed.

Claim 4 has been further amended to change the term "temperature measuring *portion*" to --temperature measuring *element*--, to be consistent with the language used in claim 5.

The Office Action indicates that claim 5 is allowed. In view of the amendments made herein, the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly upon claim 5. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4 and 6-17 are allowable.

If any fees under 37 C. F. R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this filing, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Order No. 032213M041.

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